

## Introduction to Lawkland Court Baron and Rentals

A survey using Record Office catalogues of the existence and location of Court records for Lawkland has revealed the following.

1. Ingleby papers 1627-1877 WYL 826/1-76 (West Yorkshire Archive Service)
2. Manor Court 1594-1738 YAS DD91  
(Brotheron Library Special Collections, Leeds University)

A partial collection of photocopies was made by the late Stan Lawrence of Austwick and some hand-written transcripts of these documents DD91 were made.

YAS DD91 comprises three tall books: Two books are in one parcel: (Feizor cum Lawkland (here called Book 1), one is a separate larger item (here called Book 2) for Lawkland cum Feizor. A third book for Austwick is here called Book 3.

Transcription of Book 1 has been completed for material in hand but for some years only partial abstracts made by Stan have been used. Checking is ideally required and parts have not been transcribed literally. Book 2 has been photographed in its entirety but awaits transcription so that entries in Books 1 and 2 both for 1688 to 1714 can be compared. It seems clear that for this year range the entries in Book 2 are perhaps more complete. We do not know why this repetition is seen. Book 3 has not been photographed and similarly awaits transcription.

**Book 1** (in parcel of two) covers the period 1594 to 1714 but the order is a mess with periods missing.

The book is noted as being for Feizor cum Lawkland. The first page lists the contents as

1585, 1594, 1595, 1596, 1597, 1598, 1599, 1600 then 1652, 1654, 1657, 1600 (sic)

There is no record for 1585. Years 1601-1652 are missing as well as 1655, 1656.

In terms of pages:

The first four unnumbered pages have a set of notes labelled A to W. They are an Index to contents.

Then the pages are numbered 1 to 180 at the top of the page but different pencil numbers at the bottom (1-72) starting after the Index. The first 14 pages are blank or half torn away. Page 15 is for 1594. Pages 35 and 36 are blank. Pages 41, 42 are for 1600 (?).

Page 43 is for May 1689 and continues to page 74 for 1714. Transcription has been terminated at 1714.

The next five pages 75-83 are torn out and the dates jump from 1714 to 1653.

Page 84 is for 1653. There are no records for 1655 and 1656 or 1661. Page 93 is for 1660.

Page 95 is a list of freeholders 1662. The series ends with April 1688 on page 180 plus May 1691 on page 180 verso.

In terms of (old calendar) years:

1. 1594 – 1598 pages 16 to 34 (top) numbered photocopies (pages 35 and 36 missing).
2. 1599 – 1600 pages 37 to 42 (top) numbered photocopies

There are no records for 1601-1652.

3. 1653 pages 84 – 86 (top) numbered photocopies
4. 1653 – 1675 pages (top) 87 – 126 numbered photocopies
5. 1676-1688 pages (top) 127-180. 180v is for May 1691.
6. 1688 and 1689 list of tenants
7. 1689 – 1694 pages 43 to 48 (top) numbered photocopies Rentals
8. 1694 – 1714 pages 49 to 74 (top) numbered photocopies

**Book 2** is a separate item and runs from 1688 to 1738. The pages are numbered 61 to 155 at top right then following pages are not numbered. In pencil are numbers on recto only bottom left, 3 to 115. The period 1688 – 1714 also occurs in Book 1. The details are not obviously the same as in Book 1 for these years so further checking is required.

**Book 3** (in parcel of two) is noted as for Austwick 1681 to 1714. The pages are numbered at the top 7 to 265 both sides then following pages not numbered. The pages are numbered at the bottom 7 to 175 on recto only. The Lords are Richard and Margert Shuttleworth, William and John Tempest and William Indell(?). The records from 1693 from this book need to be compared with the later transcription (NCHT copy).

**In addition** there is a separate item YAS/MD270/2 which is a Verdict paper for the Manor of Lawkland Court Baron dated 1715.

The lords of the manor of Lawkland cum Feizor were

Thomas Ingleby (record for 1594)  
Mary Ingleby (husband John) (records for 1653-1672)  
Arthur Ingleby (records for 1688 – 1700)  
Margery Ingleby (records for 1701-1714)